

# Park Avenue Synagogue

ק"ק אגודה ישרים

## January Bulletin

**Join Us on January 20-21  
For *Shabbaton* 2006**

- Learn with Scholar-in-Residence  
**Rabbi David Wolpe**
- Hear Creative Youth Educators  
Bring *Torah* Alive
- Sing, Hear Stories, Enjoy!

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**Be Part of  
“Enriching Our Jewish Lives:  
Prayer and Practice,”  
A Year of Exploration  
Through Classes, Art  
and More**

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## From the Rabbi's Desk

**M**any years ago, the late Dr. Pinhas Peli wrote a fascinating piece in the *Jerusalem Post* on the subject of Judaism and dogs. Historically, Jews like the Arabs, were not fond of dogs for various reasons, for it was felt that they were a particularly unclean animal.

In fact, we can find both favorable and unfavorable references in ancient and modern Jewish writings. The *Torah* (Exodus 11:6-7) informs us that no dog barked when the Israelites left Egypt and, as a reward (Exodus 22:30), *treifah* or non-kosher meat was to be cast to them for keeping silent at that time.

There is a wonderful story in the *Jerusalem Talmud* (Terumot 8, 3) of a certain butcher who used to sell *treifah* meat passing it off as kosher. Once when inebriated he fell off the roof of his house and died. When dogs gathered to lick his blood, Rabbi Hanina remarked that they should not be driven away as they were only reclaiming what the butcher had stolen from them. The non-kosher meat belonged to them!

Negative remarks include the Prophet Isaiah (56:11), who calls dogs greedy, and the *Talmud* (Pesahim 113b) "... a dog in the house drives away kindness and fear of the Lord because it scares away the meek and the beggars," and the *Midrash* (Exodus, Rabbah 42) "...the dog is the boldest and most insolent of animals."

Obviously, an argument can be made for both points of view, and I have only mentioned a few of numerous statements on the subject.



SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES		
JANUARY 2006		
Friday, January 6		
Friday Evening Service .....	6:15 pm	
<b>Children's Birthday Service</b>		
Saturday, January 7		
Hashkama Service .....	7:30 am	
Sanctuary Service .....	9:15 am	
<i>Bat Mitzvah of Alexandra Frances Mitchell,             daughter of Robin &amp; David Mitchell</i>		
Havurah Service .....	9:30 am	
Tot Shabbat Service .....	11:15 am	
<i>Minha</i> .....	4:30 pm	
Friday, January 13		
Friday Evening Service .....	6:15 pm	
Saturday, January 14		
Hashkama Service .....	7:30 am	
Sanctuary Service .....	9:15 am	
<i>Minha</i> .....	4:45 pm	
Friday, January 20 <b>Shabbaton</b>		
<i>Rinah U'Tefilah Friday Evening Service</i> .....	6:15 pm	
<b>Followed by Congregational Shabbat Dinner,             Rabbi David Wolpe, speaker*</b>		
Saturday, January 21 <b>Shabbaton</b>		
Hashkama Service .....	7:30 am	
<i>Shabbat Morning Plus! Sanctuary Service</i> .....	9:15 am	
<b>Rabbi David Wolpe, speaker</b>		
Havurah Service .....	9:30 am	
Tot Shabbat Service .....	11:15 am	
<i>Minha</i> .....	4:45 pm	
Friday, January 27		
Friday Evening Service .....	6:15 pm	
Saturday, January 28		
Hashkama Service .....	7:30 am	
Sanctuary Service .....	9:15 am	
<i>Bat Mitzvah of Samara Flug,             daughter of Sheryl &amp; Jeffrey Flug</i>		
<i>Minha</i> .....	5:00 pm	
Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.		
*Reservations required		

In conclusion, it is worth noting that in the *Talmud* dogs serve as a seismograph to report on the state of the world. Thus (*Baba Kamma* 60a) informs us that "when the dogs cry it is a sign that the angel of death is in town, and when they laugh it is a sign that Elijah, the

messenger of good tidings, is in town."

I pray that the laughing dogs of our congregation may be harbingers of the redemption and the days of the Messiah for whom we wait.

**David H. Lincoln**  
Senior Rabbi

## From the Chairman

Welcome to "Enriching Our Jewish Lives: Prayer and Practice." I hope all of you will take advantage of the many incredible opportunities that will be offered this year to translate the spark within us to actions and deeds.



The year will begin with Rabbi David Wolpe speaking at our *Shabbaton*, January 20-21 (see below). I have had the opportunity to hear



him speak on a number of occasions and have felt each time that I have learned something new about Judaism and myself. I wish the same for all of you. February through March, classes called "Cracking the Code" will be offered to help us access and better understand our *Shabbat* morning prayer service. These will be followed by four-part seminars addressing our topic from a number of perspectives. The summer will offer a film series and

visits to sites around the city important to certain rituals, e.g., a visit to a *mikvah*. The fall will focus the Congregation on *Shabbat* and Holiday celebrations

The year will be punctuated by *Shabbat* dinners beginning with our first one scheduled for February 10 with Peter Geffen. Complementing all that is learned in traditional settings will be a series of exhibitions in our new art gallery, opening with Noah Greenberg's ritualistic art objects. This should be a most interesting year that will help us all to better understand the uniquely Jewish rhythms of our lives. I look forward to sharing it with all of you.

**Amy A.B. Bressman**  
Chairman

## Park Avenue Synagogue Happenings



**Shabbaton 2006 kicks off a year-long focus on our shared heritage of prayer and practice.** We will have the opportunity to examine the richness of the legacy we have inherited. We will also explore ways to turn what has been passed down to us into what is relevant to our lives today. The theme this year enables us to delve into our traditions as we search for ways to heighten our experiences as Jews and to define what we want to transmit to future generations.

### Shabbaton 2006/5766 Enriching our Jewish Lives: Prayer and Practice January 20-21, 2006 · 20-21 Tevet 5766

#### Erev Shabbat, Friday, January 20

- *Rinah U'Tefillah* Friday night service at 6:15 pm when you will put a song in your heart and a prayer on your lips. This song and prayer service will provide you with a spiritual bridge from the hectic pace of the week to the serenity of *Shabbat* and the *Shabbaton*.
- *Shabbat Dinner\** will follow the service, with remarks by Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi David Wolpe. There will be a special "after-party" for high school students with Rabbi Wolpe.

#### Shabbat, Friday, January 21

- Numerous services for all ages, including a *Shabbat Morning Plus!* Service in the main Sanctuary at 9:15 am, with *D'var Torah* by Rabbi Wolpe.
- Buffet lunch\*
- Conversation with Rabbi Wolpe.
- Break-out sessions for adults & teens led by Rabbi Wolpe, Amichai Lau-Lavie and the P.A.S. Clergy.
- Afternoon workshops for children of all ages.
- *Seudah Shleshit*.
- *Minha & Maariv* followed by Musical *Havdallah* led by Storahtelling.

\*Reservations required

### Evening Book Discussion Group

Join in the discussion of *The Angel of Forgetfulness* by Steve Stern on **Monday, January 9 at 8:00 pm**, led by Pat Davidson.

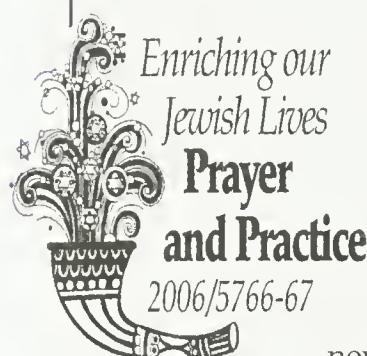
### Before the Stork Arrives: A Class for Expectant Parents

Spend a calm, leisurely hour on **Thursday, January 19 at 8:00 pm** with Rabbi Kenneth Stern thinking and talking about Hebrew names, *brit milah*, baby-naming ceremonies, and *pidyon*

*haben before* you have to make these decisions amidst the emotions and changes that come with the arrival of your newborn. To register, please call Naomi Lipnick in Rabbi Stern's office, at (212) 369-2600 ext. 121, or email nlipnick@pasyn.com.

# Park Avenue Synagogue Happenings

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## Be Part of Theme 2006 Study and Enrichment

After exploring and expressing our Jewish selves in 2005, we will

now delve deeply into our shared heritage of prayer and practice. As a community, we are together on the path of Jewish life – from *bris* and baby namings, to *bar* and *bat mitzvah* to weddings, funerals and everything in between, from daily prayer to each *Shabbat* to each new Jewish month and the holidays they bring. All members deserve the opportunity to gain new insights and to increase their familiarity with the history and innovations of our traditions. The theme for 2006, "Enriching our Jewish Lives: Prayer and Practice," gives us that opportunity. We hope you will partake of the many programs and activities that will help you explore this theme. Among them are:

### Cracking the Code: Prayer Book Hebrew and Meaning Made Easy

This course will help you to open the prayer book - literally and with an eye toward depth and meaning. To help you make the most of your time, each course will be taught in eight one-hour sessions, by members of the Clergy and Education Staff. Choose a time that is convenient for you: Mondays, 1/23, 30; 2/6, 13, 27; 3/6, 13, 20,

9:15 am–10:15 am or 7:30pm–8:30 pm; Tuesdays, 1/24, 31; 2/7, 14, 21, 28; 3/7, 14, 9:15 am – 10:15 am; Wednesdays, 1/25; 2/1, 8, 15, 22; 3/1, 8, 13, 8:00 am – 9:00 am, 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm (Lunch 'n' Learn at a midtown location\*) or 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm; Thursdays, 1/26; 2/2, 9, 16, 23; 3/2, 9, 16, 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm or 7:30 pm–8:30 pm.

\*Call Sarah Gribetz for details

### Transmitting Our Jewish Heritage Through Art: P.A.S. Gallery Re-Opens!

The Park Avenue Synagogue has been privileged to receive numerous works of art from devoted congregants throughout the years that are displayed in the Gallery on the second floor and throughout the Synagogue. These works of art offer diverse representations of Jewish history and heritage as filtered through the imaginations of distinguished artists from the United States, Israel, and around the world.

The art around us at Park Avenue Synagogue serves to remind us that Jewish material culture is a significant means of transmitting our Jewish heritage. These works of artistic creativity and Jewish ritual practice enhance the context of our congregation's spiritual, educational, and social action activities. We hope that these works of art will be a source of inspiration and enjoyment as our community works together to sustain Jewish faith, values, and continuity.

As part of our theme 2006, "Enriching

our Jewish Lives: Prayer and Practice," we will host several shows of local and international contemporary Jewish artists. Until January 10, don't miss "The Jewish Lens" exhibit, photographs by P.A.S. congregants taken with the guidance of photographer Zion Ozeri, course instructor this past November.

We are proud to announce that our first feature show will showcase Noah Greenberg from Safed, Israel. Noah specializes in Judaic ritual art sculpted and carved out of wood. His well-known *Tree of Life Shtender* will be on display in our gallery during the months of January and February. This *shtender*, or lectern, has been called the most original, complex and comprehensive Judaic artwork ever created. It is a unique combination of an elegant piece of furniture, an intricate sculptural work of art, and a complete series of all of the daily, weekly and yearly ritual objects of Jewish practice.

Noah Greenberg will be a guest artist-in-residence for several days in February. He will conduct workshops with our students as well as adults and will join us for our annual *Tu B'Shevat seder* and celebration on February 12. Be sure to watch the *Bulletin* and web site for further information about his upcoming visit. In the meantime, the Gallery Committee at P.A.S. invites you to visit the Gallery to see this remarkable example of contemporary Judaica.

### An Evening of J.T.S. Home Studies



so excited about an evening of J.T.S. Home Studies to be held on **Thursday, January 12 at 7:00 pm.** Come join one of the following three

programs all to be held at the homes of P.A.S. members. Sessions will include:

- Treasures of the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary
- "And The Gates Were Opened" - Women in the Rabbinate
- Wine and Other Fine Beverages:

The Role of Wine in the Sensual and Religious Life Through the Ages.

For more information, or to sign up for one of these events, email Darone Ruskay at [DaRuskay@jtsa.edu](mailto:DaRuskay@jtsa.edu). We hope that you will join other members of the P.A.S. community for this amazing opportunity. ☩

# Arms' Programs & Events

## WEG: Study and Socialize on Rosh Hodesh

Moonbeams, a monthly *Rosh Hodesh* study/social experience, invites women of all ages in the congregation to participate in an adventure of learning and friendship on **Tuesdays, January 3 and 31, 7:30 – 9:00 pm**. For more information, consult the Synagogue web site or call Joann Rosoff, (212) 348-4531, or Joan Scheffler, (212) 734-0444.

## Men's Club: Investment Forum

Once again, on **Wednesday January 11 at 7:15 pm**, Maury Harris and friends from the New York investment community will provide us with their insights regarding the state of the current and future economy. They will also discuss investments and strategies. You won't want to miss hearing from these investment experts. This program is free and open to all.

## Young Couples Group: Israeli Soldiers Talk About Life on the Front Lines

It is rare to identify courage and it is rarer still to meet those who embody it. On **Wednesday, January 11 at 7:30 pm** we will be fortunate to have the opportunity to listen to several Israeli soldiers share their personal experiences and recount what it is like to be an integral protector of the most priceless parcel of land in the world to Jews. They are part of the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) also known as *Tzahal*, the abbreviation for *Tzva Hagana Leyisrael*, which is the official name of the Israeli Army. In what is sure to be a unique and insightful evening, these brave soldiers will provide a mirror into day-to-day life on the front lines. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Please R.S.V.P. to [jansgilman@yahoo.com](mailto:jansgilman@yahoo.com) to get the location as soon as possible; this extraordinary event is sure to fill up rapidly.

## Sisterhood: Yiddish Club

Come to schmooze, read a short story and some poems on **Tuesday, January 17 at 1:00 pm** in the Rothschild Library. Coffee and cake will be served.

## WEG: A New Women's Ritual – Film and Discussion

WEG invites all P.A.S. members to an evening with Rabbi Rose on **Monday, January 23 at 7:30 pm**, when she will speak on a new ritual to mark the passages in women's lives and show the film *Timbrels and Torahs: A Celebration of Wisdom*. Come for refreshments at 7:30 pm and for the program at 8:00 pm. R.S.V.P. to Linda Klempner (212) 744-0234, [LSKnyc@aol.com](mailto:LSKnyc@aol.com), or to Beth Gray Tannenbaum (212) 734-7343, [BethGT@NYC.rr.com](mailto:BethGT@NYC.rr.com).  $\diamond$

# Synagogue Family

## January B'not Mitzvah



**Alexandra  
Frances  
Mitchell**

**January 7, 2006**

A student at The Congregational School since the *Gan* Class, Alexandra Mitchell is a seventh grader at The Hewitt School. Her favorite subjects in school are English, history, Spanish and handbells. Alexandra is a Flying Dolphins swim team member and swims competitively.

Summers are spent at Camp Arcadia in Casco, Maine, where Alexandra especially enjoys spending time with friends, windsurfing, canoeing, and campcraft.

Alexandra will read from *Parsha Vayigash*, which examines the Jewish people's unity in regard to spiritual and secular life, Judah's responsibility for Benjamin, and Joseph's behavior toward his brothers in Egypt during the famine. She thanks the clergy, her teachers and her family for their support in preparation for her special day and looks forward to continuing her Jewish studies at The Rabbi Judah Nadich High School in the Fall.



**Samara Flug  
January 28, 2006**

Samara sets a joyful example to her family, sisters and friends with her commitment to Park Avenue Synagogue. Following her baby naming in 1993, Samara attended the Early Childhood Center and The Congregational School, and looks forward to continuing to The Rabbi Judah Nadich High School with the many teachers and great friends she has met throughout the years.

A seventh grader at The Brearley

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School, Samara is on the softball team and Community Service Committee. She enjoys reading, ice-skating, surfing and squash, and has a passion for music that includes playing the piano and guitar. She spends her summers at Camp Laurel in Augusta, Maine.

As Samara enters her *Bat Mitzvah* year, she is participating in the UJA Give a *Mitzvah*, Do a *Mitzvah* program, to

volunteer her time and support toward audio/reading centers for hospitalized children. It is with much appreciation and gratitude to her teachers that Samara will read *Parsha Vaera*.

## Welcome to P.A.S.

*Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:*  
Mr. Stuart Boesky & Dr. Hayley

Boesky, Mr. & Mrs. Steven Serota, Mrs. Edith F. Zitwer.

## Condolences

*Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and their families, including:*

- Anne Duberstein, on the passing of her husband, Judge Conrad B. Duberstein.  $\star$

# Jewish Life and Learning

## Adult Study & Learning

All adult education courses cost \$25/ members; \$40/ non-members per semester, unless otherwise noted. Sign up now. Call Sarah Gribetz, (212) 369-2600, ext. 142 or email [sgribetz@pasyn.org](mailto:sgribetz@pasyn.org).

### Learn Hebrew on Mondays

January 23, 30; February 6, 13, 27; March 6, 20, 27

- **Prayer Book Hebrew for Beginners**  
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm;  
Sarah Gribetz, instructor

- **Conversational Hebrew for Advanced Beginners**  
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm;  
Andi Meiseles, instructor

- **Intermediate Modern Hebrew**  
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm;  
Varda Hubara, instructor

### Study Talmud

- **Talmud Study with Rabbi Lincoln**  
Ongoing Tuesday mornings, 8:00 am  
NO CHARGE

- **Tuesday Topics with Rabbi Stern**  
Ongoing Tuesday mornings, 11:00 am  
NO CHARGE

### Study Judaism on Wednesdays

- **Everything You Wanted To Know**

### About Judaism, but Were Afraid To Ask

Ongoing Wednesdays, through May 24, 10:30 am – 11:45 am (except on 2/22, 4/12, 4/19)

Sarah Gribetz, instructor

#### • Women on the Verge...

Ongoing Wednesdays, through May 24, 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm (except on 2/22, 4/12, 4/19)

### Study & Discuss on Thursdays

#### • Lunch 'n' Learn

Ongoing Thursdays,  
11:00 am – 1:00 pm  
NO CHARGE

Members of the Clergy and Education Department, instructors

Share a learning experience with fellow congregants and the Synagogue's professional leadership. Topics are varied. Bring a kosher dairy lunch; coffee will be served.

### Family Education/Kehillah

#### Tot Shabbat

P.A.S. offers toddlers and preschoolers the wonderful opportunity to celebrate together with their parents, grandparents and friends on *Shabbat* morning, **Saturdays, January 7, 21, 11:15 am – 12:00 pm.**

### Watermarks, an Award-Winning Film, Comes to P.A.S.

In 1930s Vienna, the women's swim team of the legendary Jewish sports club *Hakoah* dominated national competitions and one member competed in the 1936 Olympics in Nazi Berlin. Sixty five years later, director Yaron Zilberman gathered 8 members of the team for a reunion and a swim in their old Vienna pool. Don't miss a screening of *Watermarks* on Thursday, January 12 at 7:00 pm and meet Mr. Zilberman and swimmer Greta Wertheimer Stanton. Co-sponsored by E.C.C. Parents Association, The Congregational School, Rabbi Judah Nadich High School, Young Couples Group, WEG, and the Perpetual Jewish Film Festival of the Edmond de Rothschild Library. Call the P.A.S. office to reserve.  $\star$

### January Birthday Celebration

Bring *Shabbat* into your children's lives by celebrating their birthdays at P.A.S. All children with December birthdays will be called up to the *bimah* and honored at our Birthday Celebration Service, **Friday evening, January 6 at 6:15 pm.** Come as a family and celebrate. Call Rabbi Kenneth Stern's office for more information.

# News From Our Schools



## Congregational School

by Ron Koas, Education Director

### ***Shabbat B'yachad, Lomdim B'yachad and Nitzanim***

This month I would like to tell you about three programs that we have in our school:

#### ***Shabbat B'yachad (Shabbat Together) Programs***

**S**habbat provides a wonderful opportunity for families to learn and spend time together at the Synagogue. **Five or six times during the year, parents of Gimel, Daled, Hay, Vav and MATAN sheni students are required to join their children for a two-hour program on Shabbat morning, 10:00 am-12:00 noon.** These special Shabbat B'yachad Programs take the place of regular Shabbat classes and Junior Congregation. Each Shabbat B'yachad involves a family learning service led by a member of the Clergy, as well as educational programming for both parents and children. Some of these programs involve Beit Midrash-style learning (traditional study from Jewish sources), some will include cultural performances, others will feature our annual events such as the Zimriyah (song festival) and the P.A.S. Shabbaton. Please refer to the school calendar, our web site, and flyers sent home for specific dates and further information.

In October we had Shabbat B'yachad Havdallah led by Cantor Abramson, Sarah Gribetz and me. It was an amazing service: We unrolled the Torah, and all the kids felt very excited seeing the real Torah all around them. Some

parents cried, and I had some tears as well. So if you weren't there, next time you should come.

#### ***Lomdim B'yachad (Learning Together) Programs***

**L**omdim B'yachad is a series of adult-education programs for parents of students in Gan, Alef and Bet. These programs are designed to help our parents take time in their busy schedules to do some Jewish learning of their own, and to become better informed about what their children are learning at P.A.S. These sessions take place when their children are in class and are co-led by Sarah Gribetz, director of Adult & Family Education, and me. This year we started the series talking about "I am Jewish." We used our 2nd Annual Great

Synagogue Read-in book of the same title, co-edited by Judea Pearl. Parents spoke about their Jewish journey and why they send their kids to our school. It was very interesting.

#### ***Nitzanim***

**N**itzanim is the synagogue's Shabbat morning service for children in kindergarten through 2nd grade. It takes place every Saturday morning, 11:00 am – 12:00 noon that

The Congregational School is in session, and is expertly and enthusiastically led by Beth Schlossberg, a member of the Congregational School and Family Education faculties. **Students in Gan, Alef and Bet are required to attend three Nitzanim services together with their parents during the school year. The required dates for attending Nitzanim have been assigned according to the first initial of students' last names.** This service is a great way for our younger students to transition into our three-day-a-week program (which includes Shabbat attendance) that begins in the Gimel grade.

Nitzanim is so much fun, I hope you will come with your kids as much as you can.

### Pre-K Summer Day Camp

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# News From Our Schools

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## Rabbi Judah Nadich High School and Youth Programs

by Lisa Samick

### The Junior/Senior Seminar

**F**our years ago, we developed a program designed to attract our 11th and 12th graders back to the High School. We invited several incredible speakers to join us for the first incarnation of the program – the Legal Advisor to the Permanent Mission of the U.N., the National Director of the A.J.C., and a Professor of Middle Eastern Studies – to help us contextualize the Peace Process

and the state of affairs in Israel. It was an incredible semester, and I believe that all five of the students who signed on to it were engaged and enriched. Fast forward to Wednesday nights this year: We regularly have 18-20 students in the Board Room discussing current events and how best to interpret and navigate the news from Israel. They debate, discuss, argue and learn together, and the teachers (actually,

more like facilitators) study with them and learn from them. It has been an amazing progression and growth – moving from a (let's be honest) desperate attempt to recapture the interest of these students in Jewish education to a seminar that 10th graders are eager to get into. **If you know someone who is in 11th or 12th grade and is not yet involved with our seminar program, please have him or her contact the High School office at extension 141.**

#### Important Dates in January

Wednesdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25:

High School Classes

Sunday, January 8: Teen Film Festival

Friday, January 20: After-party with Rabbi David Wolpe: @ the Shabbaton

Sunday, January 29: Social Action Sunday 

"I never thought I'd connect so strongly with my infant over Jewish music!"

**PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT HAMISHPACHAH SHELI (MY FAMILY)...**



**SIGN UP TODAY!**

For ages birth - 3 years with a parent. The next semester begins February 6th. Please call the Park Avenue Synagogue Family Education Office at 212.369.2600 x142 for more information.

**"Our toddler loves class, and marches around singing 'Torah, Torah' everyday!"**

**Park Avenue Synagogue**

**"We've never felt so at home in a synagogue!"**

#### Celebrating a Simcha?

A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, etc.? Sponsor a breakfast Kiddush any weekday after our Morning Minyan or a Shabbat Kiddush. Call Lynn Schneider at the Synagogue for more information, (212) 369-2600.

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## YOUR VOTE COUNTS

Over the next two months, we will have a unique opportunity to participate in the workings of the 35th World Zionist Congress. At this gathering, decisions are made that impact the policies of the Jewish Agency and the allocation of its \$300 million budget. **Be a part of this process:** Support religious pluralism in Israel and help secure funding for the Masorti Movement (as Conservative Judaism is known in Israel). Just follow these three easy steps:

- 1. Join MERCAZ USA**, the Zionist Organization of the Conservative Movement, which represents Conservative Judaism within the World Zionist Organization, the Jewish Agency for Israel, the American Zionist Movement and the Jewish National Fund.
- 2. Register to vote** in the Zionist Congress elections. Registration continues into early 2006, but please—**do it now!!**
- 3. Mark your ballot MERCAZ USA** when your ballot arrives in the mail.

Voting in the 35th World Zionist Congress election is a two-stage process: voter registration and balloting. Any American 18 years or older can register to vote, either by mail or on-line. On-line registration ends February 15, 2006 while mail-in registration ends January 15, 2006. Ballots will be mailed to registrants and voting continues through February 2006. You can find out all you need to know, join MERCAZ and register to vote by going to [www.mercazusa.org](http://www.mercazusa.org), writing to MERCAZ USA at 155 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10010, or calling (212) 533-800, ext. 2016.

If you need further information please contact Rabbi David Lincoln, Rabbi Kenneth Stern, or Eugene D. Zinbarg at [zinbarglaw@aol.com](mailto:zinbarglaw@aol.com).

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## Kol Nidre Appeal 2005/5766

**O**n behalf of the Officers and Board of Trustees, I would like to thank all those who have given to our annual Kol Nidre Appeal **through November 21, 2005**. Your generous donations help Park Avenue Synagogue maintain the level of our dynamic programming and community social action efforts, such as the Food Pantry.

The Kol Nidre Appeal is one of the most important synagogue-wide fundraising campaigns that we conduct each year, and the funds that are raised help the annual Synagogue operating budget in countless ways. We are under new financial pressure because:

- Membership dues account for only 36% of the operating budget;
- Our security and insurance costs have more than tripled in recent years;
- Maintaining our inspiring sanctuary and landmark facility, parts of which date back to 1927, requires constant attention and improvement.

More than ever we need your generous contributions. Again, our heartfelt thanks to those who have given. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make a Kol Nidre pledge, we look forward to hearing from you.

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Mr. Harry Krieger, in honor of Marlene Muskin for her continued friendship.

Mr. Harry Krieger, in honor of Mr. & Mrs. David Cook for their post *Yom Kippur* hospitality.

Mr. Harry Krieger, in honor of Nadine, Edward & Reuven Cohen, all of whom helped me in time of need.

Mrs. Ruth Levenson, in memory of her beloved father-in-law, Milton Levenson.

Mrs. Lillian Levitt.

Lisa & Wayner Miller, in honor of their daughter Sandra Miller's *Bat Mitzvah*.

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth L. Shapiro, in memory of Beverly Greenspun.

### High School

Ruthie, Jimmy & Benjamin Ezra, in honor of Alexandra Ezra's birthday.

### High School Food Pantry

Cantor Nancy Abramson & Mitch Glenn, in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of Sam Ascheim.

Mr. Arthur Ainsberg, in memory of Elias Strum, brother of Anita Gluck.

Ms. Susan C. Dessel, in honor of Nadine Habousha Cohen and Ed, Reuben & Daniel Cohen.

Mr. A. Stanley Gluck, in memory of his beloved mother, Flora Gluck.

Anita & Stanley Gluck, in memory of her beloved brother, Bill Strum.

Anita & Stanley Gluck, in appreciation to Dr. David Dane.

Anita & Stanley Gluck, in memory of Mannes Schwarz.

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Nancy & Joel Hirschtritt, in honor of Paul Corwin, *Hatan Torah*.

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Isaac & Susan Lemor, in memory of Adam Fraier, son of Mark & Sarita Fraier.

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Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Levy.  
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Lisa & Wayne Miller, in honor of their daughter Sandra Miller's *Bat Mitzvah*.

The Roizen Family, in memory of Mannes Schwarz.

Susan, Jeffrey, Sam, Adam & Jeremy Silverman, in honor of Sherry Cohen & Paul Corwin, this year's *Simhat Torah* honorees.

### Library Fund

Mrs. Ruth Brause, in loving memory of my beloved husband, Jack Brause.

### Liturgical Music Fund

Joan & Sylvan Scheffler, in memory of Mannes Schwartz.

### Nursery School Fund

Karen & Spencer Smul, in memory of Herbert Norman, father of Rise Norman.

### Prayer Book Fund

Matthew & Lisa Golden & Family, in honor of Alex Bloom's *Bar Mitzvah*.

The Lustig Family, in memory of Lisa Samick's sister.

Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Lustig, in memory of Adam Fraier.

Mrs. Sylvia W. Shulman, in memory of her beloved husband, Max L. Shulman.

### Religious School Fund

Lisa & Wayne Miller, in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Sandra Miller, and to thank the Religious School teachers and staff.

### Welfare Fund

Mrs. Phyllis P. Berney, in memory of her beloved husband, Joseph Berney.

Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Katz, in memory of their loved ones.

Dr. Harry Weinrauch.

### Synagogue Offerings

Blanche & Philip Agisim, in memory of Sarah Buchsbaum Ring, mother of Judie Ellis.

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Vivian & Daniel Bernstein, in memory of Adam Fraier, son of Mark & Sarita Fraier.

Vivian & Daniel Bernstein, in memory of Anita Gluck's brother, Elias Strum.

Elaine Coleman Block, in memory of Paul G. Block, father of Alan H. Block.

Mrs. Constance Breslin, in memory of her beloved father, Eli Lane.

Dr. Manfred Brust, in memory of his beloved mother, Chaye Cyrel Brust.

Dr. Manfred Brust, in honor of his birthday.

Dr. Bernard Burack, in memory of his beloved father, Rabbi Aaron David Burack.

Mrs. Roz Cohen, in honor of Harrison Ferber's *Bar Mitzvah*.

Mr. Samuel Cooper, in memory of his beloved father, William Cooper.

Dr. Juliet Demb, in memory of her beloved mother, Manya Cooper.

The late Judge Conrad Duberstein, in honor of his birthday.

Mr. Leonard Ellis, in memory of his beloved wife, Debra Goldman Ellis.

Mr. Barton Farber, in memory of his beloved father, Daniel I. Farber.

Mrs. Harriet Feiwel, in memory of her beloved mother, Libby Rich.

Mrs. Joan Felder, in memory of her beloved father, Irving Schlesinger.

Ms. Yola Gertel Friedman, in memory of her beloved grandmother, Rifka Gertel.

Barbara & Richard Gaba, in honor of Suzanne & James Aisenberg & Family.

Marshall, Abbe & Simon Gluck, in memory of Ruth R. Gluck.

Mrs. Martha Gold, in memory of her beloved son, Leonard Gold.

Ms. Brenda Goldman, in memory of her beloved sister, Edith Parede.

Dr. James Goldman, in memory of his beloved father, Mandel Goldman.

Mrs. Mary Goldman, in memory of her beloved mother, Ida Gilbert.

Mrs. Mary Goldman, in honor of her birthday.

Ms. Barbara Gertel Goltzer, in memory of her beloved grandmother, Rifka Gertel.

Mrs. Louise Hamilton, in memory of her beloved mother, Frances Myers.

Mrs. Alice Harris, in memory of her beloved mother, Anne Mortman.

Mr. Leon Heller, in memory of his beloved brother, Harold M. Heller.

Mr. Leon Heller, in memory of his beloved father, Max J. Heller.

Mr. Richard Kahn, in memory of his beloved father, Julius Kahn.

Mr. & Mrs. Gershon Kekst, in honor of their anniversary.

Mr. Gershon Kekst, in memory of his beloved daughter, Michele Kekst.

Ms. Linda Klempner, in honor of her High Holy Days honors.

Dr. & Mrs. David Korris, in honor of their anniversary.

Ms. Ketty Setton-Levantrosser, in memory of her beloved father, Yehuda Medini.

Dr. Zanvel Liff, in honor of his birthday.

Dr. Ann Lyons, in memory of her beloved father, Julius Moskowitz.

Laurie & Ancile Malden, in honor of Caryn, Marc, Olivia & Willow Becker for making our *Yom Kippur* holiday so special.

Mrs. Rita Matthews, in honor of Robert Matthews.

Lisa & Wayne Miller, in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Sandra Miller, and to thank the clergy of Park Avenue Synagogue.

Mrs. Janet Moss, condolences to Edith Zucker & Family on the loss of their beloved mother, Florence Sander.

Mr. Herbert Nadler, in honor of his birthday.

Mr. Julius Paige, in memory of his beloved mother, Beckie Pogrebinsky.

Mrs. Helen Raticoff, in honor of her birthday.

Dr. Hilary Ronner, in memory of her beloved father, Irving Ronner.

Dr. Seligman Rosenberg, in memory of his beloved mother, Frieda Rosenberg.

Sheri & Jimmy Rosenfeld, in honor of Larry Cohen's 50th birthday.

Sylvan & Joan Scheffler, in memory of Dr. Robert Wurman.

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Melanie Schneider, in honor of Paul Corwin, *Hatan Torah*.

Mrs. Marion Schwarz, in memory of her beloved parents.

Mrs. Rita Shapiro, in memory of her beloved brother-in-law, Manny Shapiro.

Mrs. Esther Silver, in memory of her beloved father, Murray Altfeld.

Mr. & Ms. Robert Silverstone, in honor of their anniversary.

Mr. Lawrence Soicher, in memory of his beloved father, Irving Soicher.

Lawrence & Harvey Soicher & Family, in memory of Ruth Gluck.

Mr. Ray Treiger, in memory of his beloved father, Sam Treiger.

Mr. Harold Unger, in memory of his beloved father, Jess Unger.

Mrs. Shari Upbin, in memory of her beloved brother, Carl Kiesler.

## Bikur Cholim Caring Committee

*In Loving Memory of  
Dr. Albert and Phyllis L. Cornell*

**Do you know someone ill, elderly, or homebound who would benefit from compassionate personal attention?**

The P.A.S. Bikur Cholim Caring Committee reaches out to those in need through telephone calls, visits, and holiday packages. The Caring Committee is comprised of trained volunteers who are committed to providing hands-on support and companionship to these valued members of our congregation. All interactions are confidential.

To arrange for this *mitzvah*, please call Rabbi Lincoln's office at (212) 369-2600, ext. 120.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS for JANUARY 2006

All information is subject to change.  
Please confirm with the Synagogue office.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7
		CS & HS Resume 8:00 am Talmud Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ Rabbi Stern 7:30 pm Moonbeams		10:30 am Everything...About Judaism Class 12:30 pm Adult Women on the Verge... Class		7:30 am Hashkama Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service 9:30 am Havurah Service 10:00 am Junior Congregation 11:00 am Nitzanim Service 11:15 am Tot Shabbat Service Parsha Vayigash
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Hanukkah (Eighth Day) Synagogue Offices Closed 9:00 am Service	Ha Mishpachah Shelf Classes Resume 11:00 am Lunch 'n Learn 7:00 pm Parsha Class				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	JAMS & ECC Classes Resume 7:15 pm WEG Board Meeting 8:00 pm Book Discussion Group	Fast of 10th of Tevet 8:00 am Talmud Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ Rabbi Stern 12:00 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	Everything...About Judaism Class 12:30 pm Adult Women on the Verge... Class 6:15 pm Men's Club Board Meeting 7:15 pm Men's Club Investment Forum 7:30 pm Young Couples Group	7:00 am J.T.S. Home Study 11:00 am Lunch 'n Learn 7:00 pm Film: Watermarks	4:32 pm Light Candles 6:00 pm CS G-d, Alef, Bet & MATAN nishan Shabbat Service & Diner* 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service	No CS Classes 7:30 am Hashkama Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service Parsha Vayechi
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Synagogue Offices Closed 7:15 am Service	ECC Parent Conferences (2-Day Orange) 8:00 am Talmud Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ Rabbi Stern 1:00 pm Yiddish Club	Everything...About Judaism Class 12:30 pm Adult Women on the Verge... Class	11:00 am Lunch 'n Learn 7:00 pm Before the Stork	Shabbaton 7:30 am Hashkama Service 9:15 am Shabbat Morning Plus! Sanctuary Service, Rabbi David Wolpe, Speaker	9:30 am Havurah Service 10:00 am CS Shabbat Byachad 11:00 am Nitzanim Service 11:15 am Tot Shabbat Service Parsha Shmot
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	JAMS Semester 1 Ends 9:15 am Cracking the Code 6:30 pm Conversational Hebrew-Adv. Beg. 6:30 pm Prayer Book Hebrew-Beg. 7:30 pm Cracking the Code 7:30 pm Modern Hebrew-Intermed. 7:30 pm WEG: Jewish Rituals	ECC Class Photos 9:15 am Cracking the Code 6:30 pm Conversational Hebrew-Adv. Beg. 6:30 pm Prayer Book Hebrew-Beg. 7:30 pm Cracking the Code 7:30 pm Modern Hebrew-Intermed. 7:30 pm WEG: Jewish Rituals	8:00 am Cracking the Code 10:30 am Everything...About Judaism Class 12:15 pm Cracking the Code 12:30 pm Adult Women on the Verge... Class 7:30 pm Cracking the Code	11:00 am Lunch 'n Learn 12:00 pm Cracking the Code 7:30 pm Cracking the Code	4:48 pm Light Candles 5:15 pm ECC Family Shabbat Dinner* 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service	7:30 am Hashkama Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service 10:10 am Junior Congregation 11:00 am Nitzanim Service Parsha Vaera
					REMEMBER THE DAILY MINYANIM	
					Schedule of Hours:	
					Mondays 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm Tuesdays 10:30 am to 6:30 pm Wednesdays 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm Thursdays 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm	Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9 am Minha Sunday-Thursday, 5:45 pm Saturday, January 7 at 4:30 pm; January 14 & 21 at 4:45 pm; January 28 at 5:00 pm
					THE EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD LIBRARY	

## A Look Ahead

### Men's Club: Celebrate Superbowl Sunday

Be on hand on **February 5** for two great events: The Worldwide Wrap at 9:00 am, and our annual Superbowl Bash at 6:00 pm.

### Sisterhood: Daytime Book Club

Join us on **Monday, February 6 at 11:00 am** to discuss *Joy Comes in the Morning*, by Jeremy Rosen.

### Tu B'Shevat Seder and Celebration

Everyone is invited to join us on

**Sunday, February 12 at 5:00 pm** to our *Seder* and Celebration featuring guest Artist-in-Residence Noah Greenberg from Safed, Israel.

### Sisterhood: Yiddish Club

Come on **Tuesday, February 21 at 1:00 pm** for conversation and discussion.

### WEG: Turkish Consul General To Speak

WEG invites everyone on **Monday, February 27 at 7:15 pm** to view the acclaimed documentary, *Desperate Hours*, which is about Turkish efforts to rescue Jews during the Holocaust. The

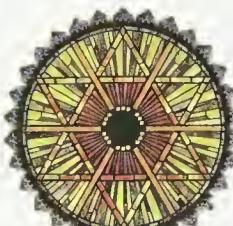
Turkish Consul General will speak about the film.

### Sisterhood: Film and Discussion

All are invited to see and discuss the film *Living Judaism* on **Tuesday, February 28 at 1:00 pm**. A light lunch will be provided.

### Men's Retiree Group

Every Tuesday, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Discuss international politics, Israel, local issues. Call Mr. Levine, (212) 988-8989, for more information.



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